the year ending March 1989, 1990 and 1991 is furnished below:

Year	*Amount Rs. in crores*
1988-89	138
1989-90	129
1990-91 *Provisional	67*

Amendment in Cantonment Act, 1924

4765. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administration of the Cantonments is run in accordance with the provisions of the Cantonment Act 1924, and there has not been proper development of these Cantonments;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring forward legislation to suitably amend the Cantonment Act, 1924; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Cantonment Boards are statutory bodies responsible for administration of Cantonments and are functioning within the ambit of the Cantonments Act, 1924, Within the constraints of resources, Cantonmnet Boards have been taking up development schemes.

(b) There is no proposal to amend the Cantonments Act, 1924,

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Loans Given to Textile Mills Under Modernisation Programmes.

4766. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans and other concession given to the texile mills for their modernisation or revival dunng the Seventh Five Year Plan Period;

(b) the number of mills modernised and actually revived; and

(c) the number of workers rehabilitated thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):(a) As on 31st July, 1991 an amount of Rs. 1367 crores has been sanctioned as modernisation assistance to the textile mills under Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme (TMFS). Further, since inception of the Scheme in August, 1986 and till 31st July, 1991 other concession such as modernisation loan at the concessional rate given, amounted to Rs. 32.33 crores.

(b) and (c). Up to July 31,1991 357 mills were sanctioned modernisation assistance under the Scheme. Revival Schemes were sanctioned in 19 cases. Assistance to these mills has enabled the workers to continue in their employment. The information regarding the number of workers actually rehabilitated is not maintained centrally.

Repairs to G.T. Road Between Asansol and Howrah

4767. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stretch of G.T. road between Asansol and Howrah is not in a road worhy condition;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government for repairs of this srtretch of the National Highway; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The National Highway No. 2 between Asansol and Howrah is generally in traffic worthy condition. Some damages have occurred during the last monsoon which are being attended to.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1170.85 lakhs has been released so far during this year for maintenance and repairs of National Highway in West Bengal including National Highway No.2.

Appointment in RRBs in Kerala

4768. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons who were provisionally selected for various posts in 1990 by the Banking Service Recruitment Board for appointment in Regional Rural banks in Kerala have not so far been given appointments;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above persons are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) to (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to selections made by Banking Service Recruitment Board (BSRB) Thiruvanantapuram in the year 1990 and not to the examinations etc. conducted by it in 1990. SBSRB has reported that no candidate selected by it in 1990 remain unabsorbed by Regional Rural Banks.

National Highways in Assam

4769. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have submitted any proposals to the Union Government for construction of new National Highways, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proposals by the Union Government and the amount sanctiouned therefor; and

(d) the reasons for not giving approval to the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under, viz.

		Lengh
(i)	North Salmara to Amingaon via lengtisinga-Barpeta-Daulasal-Mukalmua-Hajo; and	110
(ii)	Manju to Silchar via Diphu-Lumding-Haflong.	250